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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Olga Hernandez

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph within the range of 50 to 150 words. The abstract should not exceed 25 lines of text. Abstracts exceeding 25 lines of text should be checked to see that it does not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape by the printer is limited. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 uses improper language, which does not define the meets and bounds of the invention (line 5, the term "etc.", and line 9, the term "i.e."). Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fisher et al (6,247,128).

As per claims 1, 3, 9, 10 and 11, Fishers teaches how to select hardware (abstract), determine operating [part of software] system and pre-configuration of the system [hardware, computer, server] (abstract and column 1, lines 41-42, column 3, lines 20-30, where is inherent for computer to have email, fax, internet and other characteristics). In addition, Fisher discloses installing hardware components [which include any network card]. See column 27, lines 27-33 and column 30, line 16. In column 7, lines 44-45, column 32, line 50 and column 35, lines 63-67, Fisher teaches to how to ship the equipment (column 1, lines 51-54, column 3, lines 19-32). Regarding the service of file and print sharing; run/client/server application; fax server option; modem sharing option, email server, Internet access; and remote access are function that any server/client perform in regular basis. See columns 9 and 13. Further column 13, lines 40-45 teaches how to establish the security.

Further, it has been held that the recitation of elements are "**may**" and "**able**" perform a function is not a positive limitation but only requires the ability to so perform. It does not constitute a limitation in any patentable sense. *In re Hutchison*, 69 USPQ 138. Instruction for

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installation always available in any product purchase and the number of boxes is a request that the buyer always has to indicate in order to get the correct merchandise.

As per claims 2, 4-8, Fisher teaches the option to select software of the pre-installation (column 5, lines 40-45).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olga Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7144. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:00 am to 4:30 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Cuchlinski can be reached on (571) 272-3925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'O. Hernandez', written in a cursive style.

Olga Hernandez
Examiner
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